# Leominster United Methodist Church

October 25, 2020 | 10:30am Reformation Sunday



MATTHEW 22:37

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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#### Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you are here.



Please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



Personal hearing devices, as well as large-print bulletins, are available from the ushers.



Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. Due to covid-19, we are unable to offer nursery or childcare at this time.



This worship service is being live streamed on our website and Facebook page. If you have safety concerns about possibly appearing on camera, please speak to an usher and he or she will direct you to an appropriate location.



Online giving is available at www.leominsterumc.org/give or by texting the word "GIVE" to (978) 496-3126.



The asterisks sign (\*) is shown in the bulletin in parts of the service where you are invited to stand as you are able. **Bold text** indicates words that the congregation is invited to say (without projecting voices) in unison.



We invite you to join us for Bible Study this Sunday evening!

PRELUDE Marcia Bisson

GREETING Pastor Michelle

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

Marcia Bisson and Nancy King

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

\* OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michelle

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Filteau

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:34-45 (NRSV) Elton Muchugi

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?

<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

\* GLORIA PATRI

Malie Marino and

Charlotte Weldon

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Michelle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Solo by Bob Harrison

## "I will Seek Him" | Ragsdale/Foster

#### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Jamie Filteau

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING Pastor Michelle

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Michelle

\* DOXOLOGY Malie Marino and Charlotte Weldon

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

# Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

Marcia Bisson and Nancy King

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor Michelle

\* THE PEACE

**POSTLUDE** 

Marcia Bisson



Please pray this week for the following:

#### Praise...

For the Lord our God
For Ida Gray's new great grandson
Successful surgery for Ruthanne
Shirley Furey going home
Thanksgiving for rain

# Those who are sick and healing...

Tutty Rios, Cancer

Doug Lurie, Broken Rib

Joan Arsenault, Serious Infection

Anna, Breast Cancer

Carol, Healing and Praise

Ken Mullen

Doris Downey, Heart Issues

Krishna Bhowmik

James Stephen

Chuck Funk, Awaiting Prosthetic Device

Greg Garmin waiting for a kidney

Jane for continued healing from foot surgery due to diabetes

Ralph for recovering from an infection

Kathleen for recovery from breast cancer

**Eddie Strobel** 

Phyllis Grammont's cousin heart issues

Nancy Henderson – car accident

George Ead - brain tumor

Steve's Friend

Janet's Friend, Bob, Brain cancer

Bill, Prostrate cancer

Kevin's Dad, Jerry on Hospice

Those who are sick, Those who are alone

Rodney Anderson

Jacqueline's family for God's blessing and protection

Grace's Family

All who are dealing with the virus and loved ones

Nancy's cousin Jane

Mark for healing

Sandi, Problems swallowing

Don's cousin, Dawn recovering from bladder cancer

### Those who are grieving...

Continued prayers for the Family of Joan Poirier

Family of Carol Trembly

Family of JoeyDeRousseau

Family of Rodney Anderson's aunt

Family of Kristine Paul's neighbor

### Concerns of this local Church...

Our youth group meeting, that they would be able to stay safe, have fun and grow in God's love together.

Praise for in person worship

Our Racial Justice Bible study that began Sep 13, that God would give wisdom to Bob & James as they lead us, and that all of us who participate would have open hearts and minds to hear God's voice.

Sandi's friend

Gabriel Family in Arizona

Shawn's daughter with COVID

Healing for Bessie

Livestream to go smoothly

For Cat's brother

Job for Scott

Margaret's cousin Dawn

Patience for our community

Wisdom and guidance for Pastor Michelle

# Concerns of this local community...

Victims of Disasters and Responders All first responders

Kids who are restless; parents for patience

Those in nursing homes

Those facing unemployment

More strength for Stephanie and her sons

Strength and wisdom for Kendra and Zach

Beth Mockler's mother and sister

Josh for patience and healing

All of the families who are facing the decision of hybrid vs remote learning

## The world, its people, and its leaders...

Prayers for Ghana elections

Leaders with tough decisions

All those who continue to march for justice

Peace in our country

#### **Sundays at LUMC**

5:00-6:30pm Youth Group (in person) 7:00-8:00pm Anti-Racism Bible Study (Zoom)

Phone Number: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 927 7537 9396

Passcode: Love

We look forward to resuming our normal ministries and welcoming back our community group partners when it is safe to do so!